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PUC FINES CHULA VISTA-BASED FIVE STAR LIMOUSINE SERVICES FOR OPERATING WITHOUT A PERMIT

SAN FRANCISCO, February 22, 2005 -- The California Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) Consumer Protection and Safety Division fined a limousine operator \$3,000 after an investigation of its operations and practices disclosed numerous violations of the Public Utilities Code and Commission rules and regulations. An administrative citation was issued to Joseph Louis Marin, Jr., who does business as Five Star Limousine Services, for the following violations:

- Operated and advertised as a charter-party carrier of passengers without a valid charter-party authority;
- Operated as a charter-party carrier of passengers without having evidence of public liability and property damage insurance on file and in effect with the Commission;
- Employed workers without having evidence of workers' compensation insurance coverage on file with the Commission;
- Failed to monitor the driving records of drivers through participation in the Employer Pull Notice Program administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- Failed to comply with the Commission's Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Program, including mandatory pre-employment drug testing of drivers; and
- Failed to include all required information on waybills or trip sheets.

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